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The amendment filed 1/16/04 has been received and has not been entered. The Applicant indicates in the amendment that claims 22-24 are "New" claims, however the original application at the time of filing included claims 1-32 wherein as of the last office action sent on 9/9/03, claims 1-12 and 15-32 were still pending in the application with claims 22-32 withdrawn from consideration.

Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.

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